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Attn: Mr. David L. Armstrong, Chairman

Re: Recent Rate Hike Request by LGE, Case 2011-00162

Dear Chairman Armstrong:

Recently, Louisville Gas and Electric petitioned the Public Service Commission to initiate a rate hike on its electric service.

I urge the Commission to oppose any rate hikes *at this time*. As you are aware, Kentucky is in the midst of a recession, which has been the worst for many years. Unemployment is almost 11% and some fear could go much higher. I am also one of those on unemployment and find it difficult to pay my utility bills even with receiving unemployment benefits.

Those people on fixed incomes are being squeezed at every corner with little help from our federal or state government. In fact, we owe much of this economic debacle on both the Bush and Obama administrations and that collection of greed called Congress. Not to mention, Mr. Chairman, we still could experience hyperinflation considering the state of the economy.

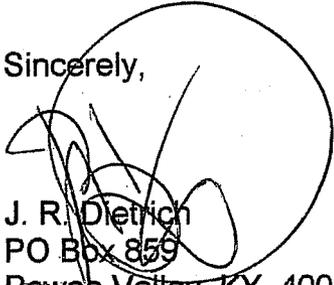
According to the LGE correspondence that I received, the additional costs are for pollution control facilities. Their letter was rather vague. What facility and where? How much will it cost and is it needed or just another way for the electric company's new owners to grab more profit? Will the Commission go into any detail regarding their Balance Sheet and P&L?

I certainly believe that there are legitimate reasons for increases in utility rates but there is also a proper time for initiating those rates. In the midst of a deep recession is *not* one of those times.

I urge you and the Commission to take a hard stand on this issue and oppose any rate increase until there are visible signs that there has been a marked improvement in our local economy and the general welfare of the citizenry. I hope that someone on the Commission about who has heat this winter or not.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my point of view and trust you will do your due diligence

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, is enclosed within a thin black circle. The signature is positioned above the printed name and address.

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